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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S (DPH) USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND AGREEMENT H-702550 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES, INC. (PHFE) FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM**

This is to advise you that I am exercising the authority delegated by your Board on February 6, 2008, to execute Amendment Number 3 to Agreement H-702550 with PHFE that adds federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds to support a comprehensive public health response to bioterrorism threats or other public health emergencies in Los Angeles County.

Amendment Number 3 will increase the total contractual obligation of Agreement H-702550 with PHFE by \$1,570,678, from \$14,586,087 to \$16,156,765, funded by CDC's Notice of Award 5U90TP917012-08 (NA) and UASI (Board Letter adopted on March 18, 2008) to provide support in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, deter, and respond to threats or acts of terrorism; specifically it will include:

- Information Technology (IT) Project Support (\$491,100). This project will allow DPH to establish a structured project management program and governance process for the portfolio of IT projects and initiatives funded through CDC NA and other related sources.
- Public Health Information Network Application Development (\$496,950). This project will provide critical support for application development efforts including the implementation of a Public Health Staff Directory system; Single Sign-On Portal; Situational Awareness Dashboard; and enhancements to existing Health Alert Network, Countermeasure Response and Administration, and surveillance applications.
- IT Resource Development (\$397,200). This project will provide consulting support services to execute an agency-wide assessment of IT assets and resources and develop a transformation plan to optimize the delivery of IT services, in alignment with the critical business needs of DPH.

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- Cities Readiness Initiative 07-08 Redirect (\$96,770). These funds will support a functional exercise of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Inventory Management System (IMS), focusing exclusively on the capabilities of the Department of Public Health to utilize the latest version of the IMS for all SNS related inventory tracking activities. These funds will also support a workshop to assist DPH and other partner agencies in multi-agency response planning for a mass-exposure biological incident occurring at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) (\$88,658). These funds will support three Senior Disaster Services Analysts. Two will work with Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Systems and perform a range of consultative and analytical activities related to medical planning and implications related to Triage and Treatment in catastrophic events. The third will serve as the DPH representative to the Los Angeles – Long Beach Urban Area Critical Incident Planning and Training Alliance (LA-LB Alliance), an interdisciplinary, interagency collaborative responsible for catastrophic event planning.

County Counsel and Chief Executive Office have approved the amendment as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors